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cancelled. The term of the Antung-Mukden Railway shall expire in the 96th year of the Republic or 2007.

In reply I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE OPENING OF PORTS IN EASTERN  
INNER MONGOLIA

Note

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China*

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to state that the places which ought to be opened as commercial ports by China herself, as provided in Article 6 of the treaty respecting South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia signed this day, will be selected, and the regulations therefor will be drawn up, by the Chinese Government itself, a decision concerning which will be made after consulting the Minister of Japan.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,

HIOKI EKI,

*Japanese Minister.*

Reply

*Peking the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho*

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you stated "that the places which ought to be opened as commercial ports by China herself, as provided in Article 6 of the treaty respecting South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia signed this day, will be selected, and the regulations therefor, will be

drawn up, by the Chinese Government itself, a decision concerning which will be made after consulting the Minister of Japan."

In reply, I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

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His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

#### SOUTH MANCHURIA

#### Note

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China*

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to state that Japanese subjects shall, as soon as possible, investigate and select mines in the mining areas in South Manchuria specified hereinunder, except those being prospected for or worked, and the Chinese Government will then permit them to prospect or work the same; but before the mining regulations are definitely settled, the practice at present in force shall be followed.

Fengtien:—

Locality	District	Mineral
Niu Hsin T'ai	Pen-hsi	Coal
Tien Shih Fu Kou	"	"
Sha Sung Kang	Hai-lung	"
T'ieh Ch'ang	Tung-hua	"
Nuan Ti T'ang	Chin	"
An Shan Chan region	From Liaoyang to Pen-hsi	Iron
Kirin (Southern portion)		
Sha Sung Kang	Ho-lung	Coal and Iron
Kang Yao	Chi-lin (Kirin)	Coal
Chia P'i Kou	Hua-tien	Gold

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,

HIOKI EKI,

*Japanese Minister.*

## Reply

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho*

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day respecting the opening of mines in South Manchuria, stating: Japanese subjects shall, as soon as possible, investigate and select mines in the mining areas in South Manchuria specified hereinunder, except those being prospected for or worked, and the Chinese Government will then permit them to prospect and / or work the same; but before the mining regulations are definitely settled, the practice at present in force shall be followed.

Fengtien.

Locality	District	Mineral
1. Niu Hsin T'ai	Pen-hsi	Coal
2. Tien Shih Fu Kou	"	"
3. Sha Sung Kang	Hai-lung	"
4. T'ieh Ch'ang	Tung-hua	"
5. Nuan Ti T'ang	Chin	"
6. An Shan Chan region	From Liaoyang to Pen-hsi	Iron
Kirin (southern portion)		
1. Sha Sung Kang	Ho-lung	Coal and Iron
2. Kang Yao	Chi-lin (Kirin)	Coal
3. Chia P'i Kou	Hua-tien	Gold

I avail, etc.,

His Excellency,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

*Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING RAILWAYS AND TAXES IN SOUTH MAN-  
CHURIA AND EASTERN INNER MONGOLIA

Note

*Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China*

Monsieur le Ministre,

In the name of my Government, I have the honor to make the following declaration to your Government:

China will hereafter provide funds for building necessary railways in South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia; if foreign capital is re-